

## **Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee**

Minutes from the November 18<sup>th</sup> , 2025, Meeting – 7:00 a.m.  
Woods Park Place – 3131 'O' Street, LPR Conference Room

**Members Present:** Barb Fraser, Delrae Hirschman, Mark Coleman, Candice Howell, Jordan Messerer, Mauricio Lang, Sarah Knight, B Paul Tunkakan, Susan Larson Rodenburg, Connor Herbert, Conan Schafer, Chloe Berry, Mason Ain

**Guests:** Gerry Oligmueller, Reid Gahan, Eric Zach, Melissa Antinoro

**City Staff Present:** J.J. Yost, Alex Duryea, Barb De Freece, Jocelyn Golden, Kat Schlueter, Rachel Redepenning, Roberto Partida, Collin Christopher, Rachel Christopher, Ayden Johnson, David McClintock, Hunter Arias, Jamie Granquist

**Call to Order:** Tunakan called the meeting to order at 7:01 a.m. and noted the meeting follows the Open Meetings Act, posted in the room. Roll was called and quorum was made.

**Approval of September 9th Minutes:** \* Motion to Approve Minutes:  
Herbert moved to approve; Howell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **LPRD Staff Reports:**

Alex Duryea introduced himself as the new Parks and Recreation Trail Manager and PBAC Secretary, providing his trails experience as the former State Trails Coordinator with Nebraska State Game and Parks, with RTP oversight such as the Cowboy Trail and has served on the Nebraska Trails Board for 8+ years. He provided updates for various trails projects and a Federal Aid Funds projects roadmap handout was provided to illustrate the steps in the process, as applicable:

MoPac Trail Watershed updates near 46<sup>th</sup> street as drainage work rerouted with some dirt moving and paver reallocation with a directional trench to reshape drainage in an area that had long standing issues with water runoff over the trail surface from adjacent properties.

Beal Slough Project ongoing with OPPD ROW acquisition of underpass along Yankee Hill and request for revisions review by December 1<sup>st</sup>. 100-year flooding event concerns with overtopping, occasional segment may be impacted but hopeful for forward movement soon to final design approval.

Rock Island Undercrossing at Old Cheney, August 2027 schedule. Completed the engineering plan and moving forward in process.

Rock Island Widening Project, August 2027 schedule. Identifying detours main challenge, similar infrastructure rerouting required for such projects.

Waterford Trail Project, December 2027. 2.5 miles in partnership with SCC, through the Waterford Development and connects to Robinson Elementary. ROW and public engagement needed with the various private homes and businesses within the trail alignment to coordinate.

J.J. Yost updated that the Planning and Construction Division of LPR is pleased to have Alex onboard to manage the Federal Aid Projects and his trails experience will benefit the team.

Safety on Trails and Motorized Issues – J.J. Yost gave a summary that the Mayor’s Office has pulled together a group of multiple departments to review code and cleanup and enforcement of motorized vehicles on trails, sidewalks, and bike lanes on issues with safety, speed, and conflicts. Inconsistency in definitions within the City Code and applications. Internal team made up of LTU, LPD, Health, Law, Planning & Development, Parks and Recreation, Urban Development, and Mayor’s Office to lead the way with mindfulness of usage of Federal funding for trails and multiuse infrastructure. Multi-step process that will take time and will involve signage, education, and enforcement. Some items that will be reviewed are speed, identify vehicles clearly that are/are not allowed, and how this is messaged. Signage mentioned as needing clear information conveyed to users as existing signage can be unclear and consistency/standardized signage will be part of the process. Code cleanup will work on consistency along all types of infrastructure for bikes/peds so that speed and allowed vehicle regulations are the same across types.

#### **City Department Staff Updates:**

Hunter Arias of BikeLNK updated that their website has been updated and shares the current URL, visit to learn more, lacking an interactive map at this time but will be forthcoming.

Rachel Redepenning of LLCHD updated they have been working with LTU and the Safe Routes to School at Brownell, along with continuing to develop educational materials for the outreach.

Roberto Parida of LTU updated that the Safe Streets Lincoln Vision Zero Action Plan is working on review of vetting draft strategies and draft projects. Will present in January 2026 to the PBAC for feedback and next steps on how they identified these proposed strategies and projects.

#### **New Business:**

West O Streetscape Enhancement Plan Trail/Sidewalk Update – Collin Christopher, Planning and Development Services provided status details on the project. TIF District with trail and sidewalk improvement project, 22<sup>nd</sup> – 40<sup>th</sup> will be standard sidewalk width and 40<sup>th</sup>-48<sup>th</sup> will be standard 10ft trail with a bit of curves and buffers with trees. 3 bus shelter improvements are in the plan, pedestrian nodes focused along with a concrete barrier and street trees for comfort. One season project, done by end of 2026. Trail would currently

connect north at 48<sup>th</sup>, future connection south at 40<sup>th</sup> and connects with West A trail on East end. Wide intersections of concern and timing intervals questioned by PBAC, staff reported those will not have decorative crossing paint but some redesigns in the pedestrian curbs have been modified a bit to lessen the distances in the final streetscape design.

More details can be found here:

[West O Streetscape Enhancement Plan – City of Lincoln, NE](#)

Christopher continued with a brief update for Project O Street which will improve 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> street corridors, coming back to PBAC with the suggested changes, along with City Code about sidewalk riding downtown as the redesign will have a bike lane that will be sidewalk level and code changes necessary downtown to accommodate the project intent.

More details can be found here:

[Project “O” Street – City of Lincoln, NE](#)

Larson Rodenburg mentioned concerns about how to do more about safety and crossings with bike/ped infrastructure with the recent crash incidents and pedestrian deaths. Concerns about the designs of intersections and how policy and codes interact within the community space. Speed limits adjacent to crossings, signals, light timing, and visibility of striping at crossings. State Statutes and City Codes mentioned as processes the PBAC may be interested in learning more. Tunakan suggested that an agenda item for the January PBAC meeting be the safety of crosswalks & legal crossings policy, along with how it effects vulnerable users.

Mobility Plan Introduction – Rachel Christopher & Ayden Johnson, Planning and Development Services, presented the upcoming Long Range Transportation Plan 2025. Guiding document for all transportation modes within Lincoln and Lancaster County. Projects, priorities, and intent. Capital projects for new facilities in Mobility Plan would be then prioritized in the LRTP, with updated bike and pedestrian plan intent. Mobility nodes & corridors identified and all modes of transportation with micromobility included. Phase 1 just wrapped up with public engagement portion with online QR code survey and in person public meeting and event attendance, along with focus groups feedback chosen to vary the viewpoints as much as possible. Still analyzing the feedback and will be back in January 2026 to present updates and gather the feedback of the PBAC for the Mobility Plan.

Top 3 Phase 1 results for themes of community survey priorities:

Walking and prioritizing people that walk to/from destinations

Biking

Transit

Also ranked high: Transportation for everyone

More details can be found here:

**Old Business:**

None

**Public Comments not Listed on the Agenda:**

Gerry Oligmueller came before the PBAC and voiced his concern about intersection safety when trails cross roadways. As a frequent user of the trail, he sees that these conflict points as locations that have crossing vehicle traffic that does not stop, or stops in the crosswalk, or does not look right to turn right. These intersections where people cross, especially when the trails or lanes are parallel and vulnerable trail users are crossing, need improved safety. With funding in streets improvement projects, he would like to see more done to protect all modes of transit users in such designs, construction and repairs, as shared users of the crossing infrastructure. Additional concerns about vulnerable road users and penalties for infractions given to motorized vehicles.

Reid Gahan voiced his concern about how The Lincoln Bike Plan has been implemented and identified priorities in that plan have or have not been realized. Some projects in the plan with higher priorities remain incomplete, when other projects that are not identified in the plan that have been elevated or prioritized. Rachel Christopher did note that follow-through is important to ensure that plans are implemented, while things can be adjusted over time, the blueprints are kept in mind as the directional document.

More details can be found here:

[Lincoln Bike Plan – City of Lincoln, NE](#)

Tunakan suggested that an additional agenda item for the January PBAC meeting be the Lincoln Bike Plan priorities & follow through process. McClintock mentioned that the PBAC may want to compile a list of questions or concerns specifics, regarding what the focus may be for the discussion. Having the right representatives from the various departments will be important to the questions and process conversation to come.

**Adjourn: \* Motion to Adjourn:**

Coleman moved; Herbert seconded. Meeting adjourned by Tunakan at 8:08am

**Next Meeting:** January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026